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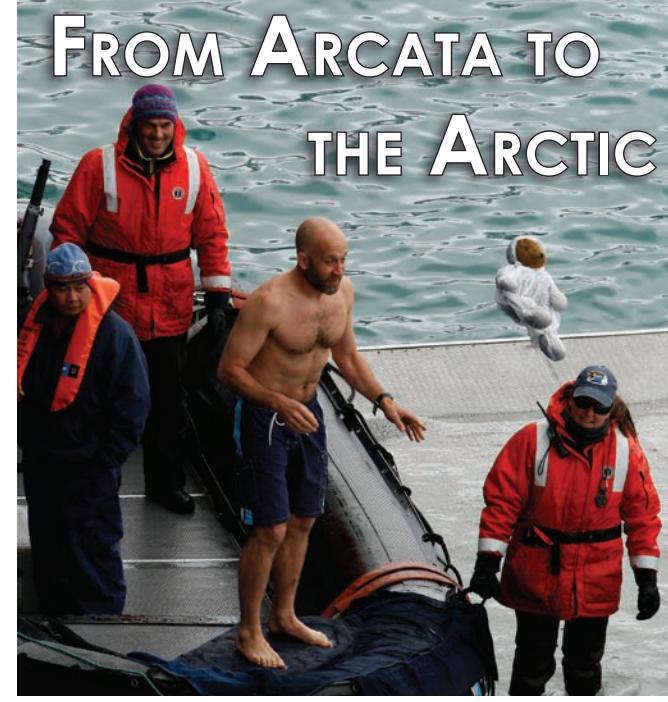
Jack Durham**MAD RIVER UNION**

MANILA — Month after month, meeting after meeting, hour after hour, the Manila town board has wrangled over the future of its family resource center.

Determining the fate of the small program has become an all-consuming task in the sandy outpost, dominating most of the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors meetings so far this year.

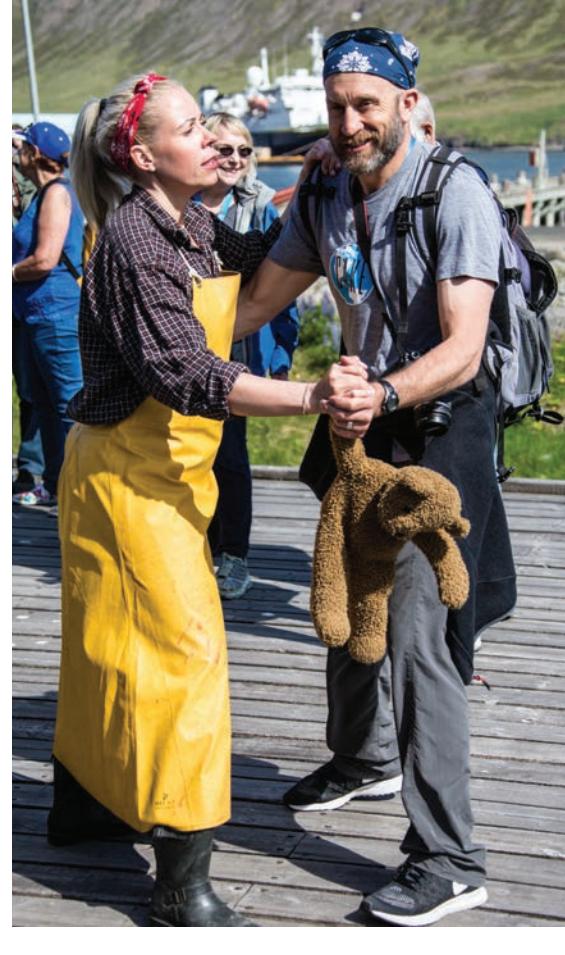
Board members squabble and tensions flare at the meetings, which grind on with accusations and counter-accusations. Voices are raised and, during the most recent meeting, there was even heckling from an audience member.

The issue was seemingly resolved at the board's June 18 meeting after hours of talking when the divided board finally came together and voted unanimously to transfer management of the Manila Family Resource Center to Redwood Coast Montessori. The vote came about after numerous

MANILA **A4**

ARCTIC EDUCATION Arcata teacher Greg Gaiera fearlessly plunges into Arctic waters, preceded by airborne class mascot teddy bear Sam, who had his own plastic wet suit. Right, Gaiera and an exhausted Sam dance with a native woman in a Greenland fishing village, where the herring catch is cause for rejoicing and traditional dances.

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**Kevin L. Hoover****MAD RIVER UNION**

EARTH — Teacher Greg Gaiera is back in his classroom after encountering polar bears, fending off attacking birds with a stick and diving into the icy ocean. While all that might seem like the world's worst day at the office, to Gaiera it was the opportunity of a lifetime, and an educational experience that will deeply inform

his lesson plans at Arcata's Union Street Charter School.

The epic adventure was a 17-day voyage to Svalbard, Greenland, and Iceland as one of the 2015 Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellows. Bayside resident Gaiera applied last December, and was selected for one of 35 prized slots from 3,000 applicants.

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lad expeditions are keyed to natural history and wildlife, with a full staff of naturalists and numerous side excursions into the wild. This cruise, on the 6,471 ton, 148-passenger National Geographic Explorer, is both the apex of eco-tourism and as good as glamping gets above the Arctic Circle.

Gaiera was lodged among the 100-member crew. "I felt very

ARCTIC **A6****Daniel Mintz****MAD RIVER UNION**

HUMBOLDT — Faced with an employee pension liability of \$220 million, the county is advancing a plan to pay it down annually to avoid the impacts of continued debt expansion.

At its July 21 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a plan for driving down the county's debt on its growing employee pension obligation. The plan is to set up a trust fund that would be made up of annual contributions specifically for pension debt payments.

That would allow the county more payment flexibility than another option that was considered and dismissed as being too risky — borrowing money through issuance of long-term bonds. Doing so could generate the funding needed to pay off a larger portion of the pension debt but could also produce a larger liability if interest rates or pension system conditions change.

County Administrative Officer Phillip Smith-Hanes described the funding of the state's Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) as a "three-legged stool." County employees contribute to the

CRISIS **A2**

Local teacher takes Nat Geo edu-cruise

Abuse case: A 'she said, he said?'

Paul Mann**MAD RIVER UNION**

EUREKA — Bare bones, the case of alleged child sex abuse against a 62-year-old McKinleyville man appears to be a "she said, he said."

When she was about nine years old, Jane Doe 1 testified, "he put his hands down my pants and moved his fingers around" while she was lying in bed.

She declared on the witness stand, "He raped me."

The accused, foster father John Edward Kufner, testified that he slipped a finger into the top of Jane Doe 1's diaper from time to time to check if she were wet. She was a chronic bed wetter much of her childhood and sleeping with a wet diaper

aggravated the rashes to which she was prone. Ointment had to be applied; she wet herself at school as well as at home.

But yes, Kufner admitted, he slept together with Jane Doe 1 and her younger sister, Jane Doe 2 (about seven years old), to assuage the girls' fears of the dark; he comforted them until they fell asleep. They asked to bed down with him.

On at least one occasion, he woke with an involuntary erection while lying next to Jane Doe 1 in the lower segment of the girls' bunk bed.

"I jumped up and got out of there, I was embarrassed as hell," Kufner testified. "I felt really humiliated, I was ashamed. It was not an appropriate response, it was

ABUSE **A4**

Coffee Break gets fresh food, furnishings From 'fill it with ethyl' to organic breakfast, lunch, wine

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COFFEE BREAK **C2**

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❖ BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supes respond to Grand Jury's rural fire safety, airport concerns**Daniel Mintz**
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HUMBOLDT — In a response to Grand Jury recommendations on enhancing fire protection services, the Board of Supervisors has affirmed its commitment to assisting with fire district formations but questions the value of creating a director of fire and emergency services position.

Rural safety issues were considered by the county's Grand Jury, which recommends that a single countywide fire protection and emergency services district be formed. A related recommendation is to have the Board of Supervisors establish a fire and emergency services director position.

Those Grand Jury recommendations and others were considered at the July 21 Board of Supervisors meeting. In response to the rural safety recommendations, County Administrative Officer Phillip Smith-Hanes wrote in a staff report that formation of a countywide services district needs more analysis because "the act of forming districts alone requires extensive time and financial investment, both of which the county is short on."

The county's response to the Grand Jury also states that funding such a district is another unresolved issue, as landowners may not agree to property tax increases.

Though supervisors generally confirmed the response, Board Chair Estelle Fennell suggested amending it to indicate that the county is actively working on expanding fire protection districts and creating new ones.

"The county is, in effect, addressing this issue and there are currently several areas that are working on district formation and/or annexation," she said, adding that Measure Z public safety sales tax funds are being spent to "help with the district formation efforts."

Funding is also a main issue in the response to the Grand Jury's idea of creating a fire and emergency services director position. In discussing it, supervisors agreed that such a position would only be worthwhile if a countywide services district is formed.

Following up on supervisors' comments, Smith-Hanes said that absent a district, the new position might be unnecessary since the Sheriff's Office already includes an Office of Emergency Services.

The 2014 to 2015 Grand Jury also considered the physical condition of the county's six airports and the Aviation Division's poor financial condition.

The Grand Jury found that runway

repairs, tree topping and other work are needed at several of the county's airports. In its written response, the Department of Public Works (DPW) agreed but indicated that the work can only be done when funding and personnel are available.

The airport system is generating more costs than revenue, and the Grand Jury found that, "the Aviation Division's fund balance has been in the red since the (fiscal year) 2009-10."

The DPW "wholly disagrees" with the finding's timespan but acknowledges that a loan was necessary to prevent the division from becoming insolvent in the upcoming fiscal year.

A main Grand Jury recommendation is to have the county's Aviation Advisory Committee recommend options for shifting the management of the county's airport system out of the DPW.

Smith-Hanes' response supports the recommendation. But Supervisor Virginia Bass said she would rather have the Aviation Advisory Committee do research on the financial issues rather than advance recommendations on how to change management.

When Supervisor Rex Bohn asked if "the system is broken" because of dwindling passenger use, Bass said that there is more to the situation than ticket sales.

"We are actually up 830 people in the last quarter of flying, so we are in an uptick," she continued. "It's not just how many people are flying out, it's a function of maintenance needs in all the airports — it's not just about the commercial airport."

Though she agrees that an analysis of the airport system should be done, Bass said she is "stopping short" of asking the advisory committee "to tell us what they think we should do."

Supervisors agreed to modify the response to reflect Bass' stance. They also agreed to modify the response on creating a countywide fire protection district by mentioning the county's efforts in assisting individual districts.

Other responses to Grand Jury items include disagreement with a recommendation for the Board of Supervisors to change the Headwaters Fund charter to allow the Humboldt Area Foundation to manage investments.

In his response, which supervisors affirmed, Smith-Hanes wrote that changing the Headwaters charter would require voter approval, taking authority out of the hands of the board.

Smith-Hanes said other aspects of the Grand Jury's final report will be taken up in future board meetings.

McK TEEN CENTER The McKinleyville Community Services District held a ground breaking ceremony June 22 for its new teen and community center. The 6,700-square-foot building, designed with teen input, will cost the district nearly \$2 million. The building should be completed and opened by late spring.

Breaking ground, top right, are MCSD board members (left to right) Helen Wilson, George Wheeler, David Couch, John Corbett, Dennis Mayo and Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg. Below, master of ceremonies Greg Orsini, also the manager of the MCSD, spoke near a sign showing what the center will look like. "This is a classic McKinleyville event because we're the little community that can," Corbett said at the ceremony. The center is being built on the west side of the Activity Center on Gwin Road at Pierson Park.

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Fieldbrook murder trial set for Sept. 8**Paul Mann**

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HUMBOLDT — The murder trial of Jason Michael Arreaga, 29, the Lucerne man charged with the gunshot slayings of two Eureka residents in Fieldbrook last September, has been rescheduled to begin Sept. 8 at 8:30 a.m. in Humboldt County Superior Court.

Previously slated to start in early August, the trial was delayed again in view of additional time required for the further discovery of evidence, according to Deputy District Attorney Zachary S. Curtis. He and defense counsel Heidi Holmquist agreed

last week to the continuance.

Arreaga has pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder and six special allegations pertaining to the use of a firearm — a handgun — in the killings of Harley Wayne Hammers Jr., and Angel Robin Tully, both 37, of Eureka.

Tully was found dead of a gunshot wound last September at 4406 Fieldbrook Rd. Sheriff's deputies found Hammers suffering from a similar wound in a red Mazda pickup truck across the street, at 4415 Fieldbrook Rd. He died shortly after being transported to Mad River Community Hospital.

Arreaga faces a maximum sentence of up to 80 years to life.



Michael Arreaga

CANNABIS VOICE COMING TO MACK TOWN California Cannabis Voice Humboldt will give a presentation on its proposed ordinance today, Jan. 29 to the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC), which meets at 6 p.m. at the Azalea Conference Center, located at the rear of McKinleyville Middle School. Cannabis Voice Humboldt has written an ordinance that it has submitted to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors for consideration. The ordinance would regulate marijuana growing in Humboldt. The McKMAC is also scheduled to hear a presentation from Arcata Fire Protection District Chief Desmond Cowan on the district's funding options and a presentation from county planner Michael Richardson on proposed changes to land use maps.



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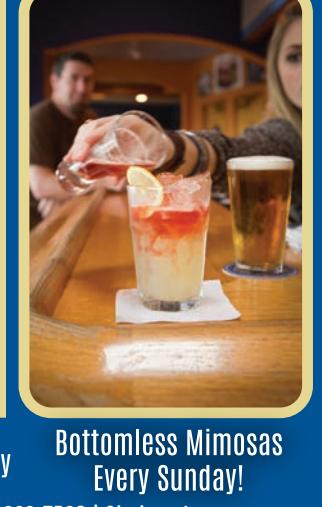
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not intentional."

Of this back and forth, Deputy District Attorney Zachary S. Curtis urged the jury not to resort to a minimalist "she said, he said" predicate in reaching a verdict.

"He said, she said" is a tie that goes to the defense and will set Kufner free, Curtis admonished the 12 jurors and three alternates, who began their deliberations late last week.

In legal parlance, the "she said, he said" cliché is a material fact dispute. It is not a dialogue or a misunderstanding; it is testimony in direct conflict.

On that basis, jurors might conclude that the truth is undiscoverable – and Curtis would lose his case. Hence his objections to the reductionist "he said, she said" approach to the evidence.

Curtis is not alone in his concern. In the early 1990s, an appellate court judge in Ohio argued in a dissenting opinion that "he said, she said" testimony is inimical to faithful jurisprudence and should be exiled from the courtroom. It should not be admissible in the first place.

The cliché gained popular currency during the highly contentious Anita Hill/Clarence Thomas Senate confirmation hearings in the summer of 1991, when Thomas was nominated for appointment to the Supreme Court. He won confirmation by a narrow margin.

Curtis argued that the truth in the Kufner case is discoverable and he asked the jury simply to weigh the evidence in full: not only to test the character and credibility of the plaintiff and the defendant as revealed in their testimony and their demeanor on the stand, but also to weigh the testimony and evidence brought to bear by law enforcement, medical authorities and child welfare officials.

Kufner is charged in count one with "continuous sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14" at his trailer park home from April 1, 2012 until July 31, 2013. Although the mother resumed custody during a transition following July 31, 2013, Jane Doe 1's charges were not brought to light until February 2014.

"Continuous" abuse is defined legally as three or more acts of "lewd and lascivious conduct" during a period of at least three months – that is, "willful touching of a child."

The touching of bare skin or of the genitals is not required under the law. Touching through clothing can be lascivious if aimed at sexual arousal. A foot fetish could qualify for purposes of sexual arousal, Curtis explained to the court.

He underlined that "the testimony of a complaining wit-

ness alone is enough to convict."

The deputy district attorney reminded the jury that Jane Doe said Kufner had "touched her pee spot" (vagina); she alleged too that during a camping trip "he touched her private part(s) with his private part(s)."

Beyond Jane Doe 1's testimony, Curtis added, a registered nurse testified that she diagnosed the child with bacterial vaginitis shortly after she stopped living with Kufner. The nurse said that in her professional opinion such an infection almost always results from physical contact, not from bed wetting or wet diapers.

Curtis drove home three other points:

- Jane Doe 1 was consistent in her testimony.
- She had no motive to make up accusations. "Mr. Kufner was her shining star," the man who did everything for her and her younger sister's benefit: meals, clothing, transportation, toys, parties, camping trips, help with school and homework.

- Kufner's credibility could not be vouchsafed because he admitted on the stand that he had made a false statement to law enforcement when he denied at first that he had had an erection while lying next to Jane Doe 1. Eventually he acknowledged, "I did do something she thought was wrong," but not before the defendant denied the erection three times, Curtis said.

In the law enforcement recording, Kufner went on to admit he "rubbed on her" – in his words, "I recall rubbing her, yes." But then he denied that literally seven seconds later, Curtis noted, telling officers instead, "I remember going in and wrapping my arms around her until she fell asleep."

At another point, Kufner confessed, "I always had a fear that something like this might happen" – an oblique reference perhaps to a self-fulfilling prophecy?

Categorically rejecting the state's case, Deputy Public Defender Casey Russo said the prosecution failed to prove its charges beyond a reasonable doubt, the axis of a criminal case.

Jane Doe 1's testimony cannot be trusted beyond a reasonable doubt because she grew up in a profoundly dysfunctional family, in which general instability was the main fact of life, he recounted. "It's an understatement to say she's had a trouble past" – molested at the age of four by an older child "playing doctor"; chronic bed wetting, a condition requiring constant care and maintenance; schooling in special education classes; blatant and prolonged parental neglect and abandonment.

"Who is Jane Doe 1?" Russo asked rhetorically. "Who is her drug addicted mother?" The jury has no full picture because the authorities never bothered to find out, he complained. "Law enforcement didn't look into the history of

the mother and the family – who knows what those children saw?"

Instead of establishing a thorough record, investigators took Jane Doe 1's allegations as gospel, ignoring her comprehensively troubled childhood, blighted by a drug addicted mother with grave mental illnesses, repeatedly abandoned, moved from place to place and exposed to strange men wherever they went.

From that history, Russo said, Jane Doe 1 concocted a sexual fiction born of "accumulated anger and lack of attention," not of Kufner's behavior as a foster parent.

Failing to find out more about the child's past, law enforcement did not even take the time to interview her trailer park neighbors, school officials or others who could have provided clues to her background, upbringing and immediate family circumstances, Russo contended.

What the jury is left with, he emphasized, is an investigation and evidence that are shallow, fragmentary and contrary to reason.

Jane Does 1 and 2 saw child welfare counselors throughout their 14-month stay with Kufner and not even the hint of a red flag emerged, Russo recalled. Not one of Jane Doe 1's accusations on the witness stand contained specifics and the district attorney's office and other authorities neither sought to learn what triggered the allegations in the first place nor to pinpoint to whom they were addressed.

"The girls asked to lie down with him," Russo said emphatically, "and men do wake up with erections. It's natural; his body betrayed him."

Children are suggestible, Russo went on, implying that perhaps the mentally unstable mother had colluded in some fashion with the child.

Kufner testified that he believed the mother developed a resentment of him when she observed how attached her daughters were to him. A father in his own right, he claimed he loved the girls as if they were his own daughters.

"He gave them the only stability they have had in their young lives," Russo concluded.

Rebutting the public defender, Curtis said that the professionalism of law enforcement's investigation "is not on trial. It is not germane to the issue of whether Mr. Kufner touched her [Jane Doe 1] three or more times during a period of three months," constituting lewd and lascivious conduct.

The time spent on the investigation is not relevant, nor are the aspersions the defense is casting on it, Curtis retorted.

And in fact there was a red flag, he parried: the nurse's conclusion that Jane Doe 1's vaginal infection stemmed from physical contact, not from incontinence.

"Focus on the evidence you have," Curtis told the jury.

Manila | 'You're way out of line'

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prior discussions, including two entire Sunday afternoons devoted to what the district called a "visioning" process for the future of the Manila Community Center, which houses both the school and the resource center.

But at the July 16 meeting, the controversy was still very much alive, with board members devoting about two and a half hours to the topic.

In comparison, the board devoted only eight minutes to discussing water conservation measures and 10 minutes to a grant application for a multi-million-dollar water system upgrade at the same meeting. Because the meeting dragged on late due to the resource center talk, other issues were tabled, including the district's budget and Manager Chris Drop's employment contract, which expired last summer.

Divided over agenda

The discord began right away at the July 16 meeting during the approval of the agenda itself. Director Dendra Dengler asked that the manager's contract and his list of goals, both slated for approval, be pulled from the agenda until a closed session hearing could be held regarding his job performance.

"I feel strongly there should be a closed session for the manager's evaluation because of some of the things that have happened in the last three or four months," Dengler said. Dengler's motion was seconded by Director Salena Kahle.

Dengler didn't specify what her concerns were with the manager's performance, although she has had ongoing conflicts with the manager that, in the past, required mediation. Kahle has also openly questioned Drop's management abilities.

Chair John Woolley objected to postponing the agenda items, noting that the manager's contract expired back in August of last year. The board negotiated the contract with the manager in a previous closed session and already agreed upon the conditions, he said.

Dengler said she thought the closed session approval was only tentative. Dengler then suggested that the board may have violated the Brown Act. "We discussed the salary, and that's not to be discussed in closed session," Dengler said.

Woolley then corrected her, explaining that the board negotiated a salary in closed session, as is allowed, but was now going to approve the actual contract in open session, as required by the Brown Act.

Dengler and Kahle found themselves in the minority, with their fellow board members rejecting the motion to alter the agenda.

Now for an inquisition

A short while later, it was time for "reports," which for most boards is typically a

time for bland updates on various projects. Not so for Manila.

"Maybe Jan [Director Bramlett] would like to read her letter that she sent to the board last month," Dengler suggested as she started her report. This caused a moment of confusion.

"Last month? Last month's meeting?" Bramlett asked.

"Mm-hmm," Dengler responded.

"I don't have it with me," Bramlett said, referring to a letter she read aloud at the June meeting, "and why would I do that?"

Bramlett explained that she wanted to respond to comments made in Bramlett's letter. "So wait, before..." Woolley interjected, but before he could finish, Dengler said, "this is part of my..." but was cut off by Bramlett, who asked "Is that on the agenda?"

"It's my director's report," Dengler declared.

Dengler then read from a prepared statement, in which she gave her own account of how the "visioning" process took place, and how an "abrupt" change in management of the family resource center emerged as a goal.

And then began an inquisition of board members to find out whether they agreed with Dengler's version of the visioning process.

"Now, is this fact? Or is this fiction? I'm going to ask each board member. Jan, is that fact or fiction?" Dengler asked.

"We don't have to answer," Woolley informed his fellow board members.

Dengler then moved on to Director Joy Dellas. "Joy, is that fact or fiction?"

"It's your opinion," Dellas responded.

"You don't think this happened?" Dengler further inquired. "That's my response. Thank you," Dellas said.

Dengler then moved on to Woolley, who responded "I have no idea, the context. I don't know what you're trying to get to here."

Moments later, Dengler's voice became louder, and angrier, as she read passages from Bramlett's letter interspersed with her own commentary, in which she objected to criticisms of Voices of the Peninsula. On it went, with Dengler at one point polling audience members to find out how many of them are members of Voices of the Peninsula who rent homes to low income people. As she invited audience members to stand up, Woolley attempted to bring order to the meeting.

Interrupting Dengler, Woolley said "Dendra, I'm giving you leeway to give a director's report. This is a political statement."

"No! This is not a political statement," Dengler responded.

"Dendra, I'm telling you..." Woolley said.

"I'm not running for office, John," Dengler said.

"I'm telling you that you're way out of line," Woolley said.

"OK, I'm out of line," Dengler said.

"I don't think she is," said Kahle, coming to Dengler's defense.

"I don't care what you think," Woolley said to Kahle.

"Well, I don't care what you think either," Kahle said to Woolley.

"Well, then you can leave," Woolley said.

"I'm not leaving," Kahle said.

"Well listen, her ability to speak on the director's report is limited to how she can handle it. If she's going to be accusing another board member, that's not a director's report," Woolley said.

As he was speaking, Dengler tried to respond, saying "I'm not accusing," and "John," in an effort to get a word in.

"No, I'm not going to listen. You're out of order," Woolley said.

Kahle tried to chime in, but Woolley would not allow it.

"You're out of order," Woolley repeated.

"No I'm not," Dengler said.

"We're here to manage the district, not to talk on all these issues as being presented. We're trying to manage the district," Woolley said.

When it was Bramlett's turn to talk, she defended her letter, which can be found at manilacs.com under the agenda section. The letter is posted as an addendum to the June 18 meeting packet. In the letter, Bramlett criticizes Voices of the Peninsula and the validity of a survey it conducted regarding the community center. She also explains her views on why the resource center management should change.

"I stand by whatever I said in that letter," Bramlett said.

After Bramlett spoke, Woolley said "Let me say this, we're getting into a debate over two individual perspectives. It's not really on the agenda. They can come up within the [agenda] items. This is a business meeting. It's not a political meeting, so let's get back to the business of running the district."

Kahle pleaded for some civility. "We are role models and we need to act with a certain level of composure when we talk," she said.

With things calmed down a bit, Woolley asked "Dendra, are you going to continue the rant that you have been going on?"

"No, I'm going to civilly read a sentence," Dengler said.

She then read directly from Bramlett's June letter, saying "Several of the people whose names appear on the Voices letterhead own property, many of them rent to poor people, for income, and I would venture to say that I am far more economically marginalized than any of them, yet they have persuaded the truly poor in this community that this Board is against their interests. Shame!"

Permitting problems

As the staff reports continued, Manager Drop discussed some building permit problems at Redwood Coast Montessori.

The county Planning and Building Department received a complaint regarding interior remodeling at the school, which was done without building permits.

According to the department, propane heaters were removed and replaced without building permits. In one of the classrooms, an L-shaped floor-to-ceiling wall was installed. Doorways were installed, doors removed and a bathroom was built, all without permits.

Manager Drop said that the district hired a contractor to install the heaters. The contractor, who is now deceased, was supposed to obtain permits, Drop said.

The district has hired an architect to make sure the heaters are properly installed and permitted, Drop said.

The school, meanwhile, is responsible for getting its improvements permitted and will have to cover the costs.

Redwood Coast Montessori Director Bryan Little apologized to the board for making the improvements without obtaining permits. He said that the improvements were done by himself and volunteers, and noted that "none of the things that were added are structural."

"Obviously that wasn't the wisest choice to make some of these modifications without pulling permits," Little said.

"There's no really defensible reason why I did it," Little said, adding that he had spoken to a former board member before making the improvements.

"You're kind of showing a trend," Kahle said about the school.

Next up for the board was a discussion about the memorandum of understanding that it would enter into with the school to transfer management of the Manila Family Resource Center from the district to school.

Under the proposal, the district would transfer management of the resource center from the district to the school. The resource center would continue to be headed by its single employee, Director Carol Wolfe, who offers parenting classes and resource referral and a food pantry out of two rooms at the Manila Community Center. The funding for the program would continue, with \$65,000 coming from the County of Humboldt and \$20,000 coming from First Five.

The school, rather than the services district, would oversee the program.

Under the draft memorandum, the school would form an advisory committee to oversee the resource center. District staff will now do an inventory of all resource center assets and bring it back to the board at its August meeting, when the board will take up the issue again and may vote on the final memorandum.

Because the board ran out of time at its July 16 meeting, it will hold a special meeting today, July 29, to consider the manager's goals and objectives, employment contract and a draft budget. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. with a closed session to evaluate the manager's performance.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Measure Z funding fresh deputies



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT — Sheriff Mike Downey is pleased to announce the swearing-in ceremony for two newly promoted sergeants in the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

Tony Gomes has been with the Sheriff's Office for 12-and-a-half years, and Greg Allen has been with the Sheriff's Office for two-and-a-half years with a total of 21 years in law enforcement.

Sgt. Gomes will work patrol in the Hoopa/Willow Creek area and Sgt. Allen will work patrol out of the Sheriff's Office in Eureka.

These two sergeants are the direct results of Measure Z funding to increase the staffing levels for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. There are currently five new deputies in the Field Training Program.

Once these five deputies complete their training program, they will be added to patrol staffing levels. An additional three more deputies will be hired by the end of August to go through the Field Training Program.

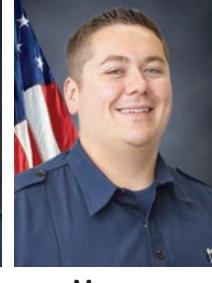
PRIORITIES Sheriff Mike Downey, center, with his two new sergeants. PHOTOS COURTESY HCSO



Angie Dernedde



Anthony Benelisha



Marcus Lillard

Arcata Fire fêtes its finest

ARCATA FIRE

ARCATA — Arcata Fire personnel with their families and guests recently attended the 76th annual awards dinner in Arcata at the D Street Neighborhood Center. Included in the event was recognition of new personnel as well as awards for the Rookie of the Year, Career Firefighter of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Fire Officer of the Year.

Firefighter Anthony Benelisha received the Rookie Firefighter of the Year award in recognition of his outstanding attitude, work ethic, teamwork and commitment to the community.

An active volunteer firefighter, Benelisha was also recognized last year for his quick and professional treatment of a patient on board the RV Coral Sea. Benelisha provided medical care for two hours and coordinated the transfer of the patient to a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter for transport to the hospital.

Firefighter Marcus Lillard received the Career Firefighter of the Year award. Lillard has taken the lead in working with the Humboldt State University Human Performance Lab to increase firefighter fitness and is also part of a team bringing new techniques and training to his peers. Known for his positive attitude and willingness to take on difficult challenges, Firefighter Lillard has also been instrumental in making the building projects a success for our communities.

The Officer of the Year award recipient was Fire Captain Angie Dernedde. With over 18 years in the fire service, Dernedde is known for her role as a mentor and a positive role model throughout the organization. Her desire to help her teammates, supervisors and the department succeed is unmatched.

Captain Alan Davis received the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year award for his outstanding support for Arcata Fire District and many local agencies. Davis dedicated countless hours to improving the local fire service. Sadly, shortly after the awards ceremony, Davis passed away.

All liquored up with no place to go

• Wednesday, July 15 10:04 a.m.

A deputy was called to Murray Road in McKinleyville where a woman was reportedly talking nonsense and loitering. The deputy found a woman, later identified as Andrea Gerarden. The woman's pupils were dilated and her speech was slurred. She spoke rapidly and randomly and wasn't making a damn bit of sense. She was arrested and booked into the drunk tank on suspicion of public intoxication and violation of probation.

• Thursday, July 16 5 p.m. A landlord for a property on Underwood Road in McKinleyville gave a tenant 24 hours' notice that he would be entering a residence to fix a plumbing problem. When the landlord entered the apartment, the tenant allegedly assaulted him.

• Friday, July 17 8:23 a.m. Out in Bayside, a woman's son came home

for a visit. The son then got into an argument with Loran Macy. Macy then allegedly took out his frustration on the mother. Macy allegedly forced her into a bedroom, assaulted her and kept her pinned down so she couldn't move. The victim suffered a bloody nose and lip. Deputies arrested Macy and booked him into the county jail on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse/cohabitant and false imprisonment.

• Saturday, July 18 3:08 a.m. A McKinleyville woman who works with a local police department reported that someone she had tried to help in her professional capacity was now stalking her.

• Sunday, July 19 4:13 p.m. A Samoa Peninsula woman went to the hospital and said she had been drugged and raped. However, when a deputy arrived, the victim was uncooperative due to fear of retaliation

from the suspect, whom she knows.

• Monday, July 20 12:49 a.m. A Toyota pickup truck that was stolen from Titlow Hill was found on North Bank Road in McKinleyville and recovered.

• 9:34 a.m. On Fox Farm Road, near the artsy enclave of Westhaven, a person was bit by a neighbor's dog and had to seek medical attention.

• 7:26 p.m. A deputy heard a loud revving motorcycle on Hatchery Road in Blue Lake. The deputy noticed that the motorcycle had expired tags, so a traffic stop was conducted. The driver was cited for driving on a suspended license, driving a motorcycle without endorsements and without proof of insurance.

• 10:36 p.m. Someone discovered that a house undergoing a remodel on Cliff Avenue in McKinleyville had been broken into. A window was damaged and someone was using the house as a crash pad.

Men in 'pyjamas' offer indications of questionable judgment

• Friday, July 3 9:05 a.m.

A bicycle-borne man sporting very long dreadlocks pulled out in front of a McKinnon Court resident, forcing her to hit the brakes. With the car stopped, he asked her if she wanted to buy any drugs from him. When she said no, he proposed that she simply give him money. When she said no, he wheeled away into her neighborhood looking for more propitious business opportunities.

• 12:03 p.m. After shoving his girlfriend's head through a window, a man made suicidal statements and left the premises.

• 1:05 p.m. Police cleared the Plaza's Arc of Erroneousness of alcohol annoyances as embodied in the liquored-up loudies who dominated the McKinley zone with brash mutterances.

• 1:45 p.m. A woman let a friend couch surf at her place, and when she woke up, she owned fewer things than before. Gone were three tablets, one smartphone and a jar of change.

• 2:01 p.m. A man brought in from the Plaza for treatment was on his feet, refusing medical treatment but refusing to leave.

• Saturday, July 4 3:22 a.m. A person was deemed unfit for donut shop patronage — which admittedly is a pretty high bar to cross — and expelled.

• 6:28 a.m. A woman who had been in a fight with her boyfriend the day before took a call from him. He said he was headed back to town and offered two pieces of advice: to hide her car, since he planned to vandalize it; and to answer her door when he came around.

• 11:36 a.m. That woman who

likes to whip off her shirt and below was doing so at the 4th of July Jubilee.

• 11:44 a.m. A suicide victim was found hanging at a Northtown motel.

• 12:26 p.m. A man threw a rake or hoe at another man in Valley West.

• 12:51 p.m. An Oasis Street resident complained of a neighbor abducting her cat and taking it into her home. She wanted to know what her options were in this kind of situation.

• Sunday, July 5 2:59 p.m. A bearded man rather too engaged with the garbage cans at the Plaza's center alternately tossed trash around and begged for money. Instead he was arrested.

• Tuesday, July 7 8:24 a.m. A multicolored school bus in Valley West bore a full house of inhabitants.

• 9:12 a.m. A measuredly less groovy but also fully staffed RV at Seventh and K streets was occupied by people with school-aged children, with activity occurring around the clock.

• 11:34 p.m. A man in "pyjama pants" threw a flashlight at someone at 13th and H streets and then scampered away.

• Wednesday, July 8 2:36 a.m. The downtown public loo had been locked for a couple of hours, and despite its steel walls, somehow a citizen surmised or assumed that the occupant was injecting drugs. An officer dislodged and moved the languid loo lurker along.

• 11:02 a.m. Tools valued at \$650 disappeared from a Valley West business.

• 11:25 a.m. A vehicle's window was smashed by the Veterans Me-

morial Park.

• 1 p.m. An anti-social climber was seen up a tree near the Veterans Memorial Park, busting off branches.

• 2:26 p.m. A half-dozen or more slouchabouts milled in Tavern Alley, illegally smoking cigarettes without being in an active state of motion as required by the Arcata Municipal Code.

• 4:54 p.m. A man on Giuntoli Lane said that over his last two water billings, some 1,500 gallons of water had been thieved from his outdoor faucet, which now bears locks.

• Thursday, July 9 10:55 a.m. Wire valued at \$1,200 was stolen from the train track area of Ninth and L streets.

• 11:21 a.m. A caller claimed that the cashier at an I Street store had shortchanged him on an ice cream purchase by \$4. The manager later said the cash drawer counted out as just 17 cents short.

• 4:09 p.m. Red Bull and ice cream bars were the temporary haul of a Uniontown shoplifter. But handcuffs complicated their ingestion.

• 4:14 p.m. Another little herd of smokeabouts temporarily infested Tavern Alley, until moved along.

• 6:38 p.m. A passerby happened upon a battered-looking young woman at a Janes Road bus stop. She had a black eye and seemed to be in distress, so the person gave her a jacket.

• Friday, July 10 9:18 a.m. The black-eyed girl was still at the bus stop in the morning.

• 12:44 p.m. A citizen reported a possible hash lab at an undisclosed location.

• 2:26 p.m. A Samoa Boulevard resident who kept \$700 in cash in a can in his dresser reported it

missing. Not the whole dresser, just the can o' cash.

• 6:10 p.m. A camper moved in out back of an abandoned pizza restaurant in Northtown, utilizing the handicapped ramp and even putting up fencing around it.

• Saturday, July 11 3:23 a.m. A woman who was asked to leave an all-night Uniontown supermarket mis-heard the request. She apparently thought they said, "Throw a watermelon on the ground and turn on all the outdoor faucets."

• 8:37 a.m. A man loitering outside the Redwood Lodge in pajamas wasn't exactly what parents who signed their kids up for day camp had expected. He wouldn't leave when asked by the staff, but police were more persuasive.

• 12:17 p.m. Kids were reported riding bikes on the roof of a Baldwin Avenue elementary school, as kids will do.

• 6:50 p.m. Three goats ran in and out of traffic on West End Road, as kids will do.

• Sunday, July 12 8:15 a.m. A citizen picked up a red-haired girl in a purple sweatshirt with a sleeping bag and multiple other bags on Upper Bay Road. She'd already drunk a bottle of vodka, so the concerned citizen drove her to the hospital. There, they sat in the car for an hour until she got out and wandered away.

• 11:38 p.m. A scruffy man stole cookies from a 13th Street store, then sat down and ate them in front of an adjacent bank. He was told never to return.

• Monday, July 13 2:12 a.m. Something tried to enter a Union Street apartment, trying the door-knob and rattling both it and the resident. A deadbolt defeated its incursionary ambitions.

bus station.

• 10 a.m. A costly laptop computer was stolen out of an Aloha Way vehicle, helpfully left unlocked for any passing slithy cyber-toves.

• 12:34 p.m. Redwood Park's 13th Street parking lot reverted to its nominal badlands state, with muttering millabouts smoking and drinking and encumbering the comfort level of those wishing to park and leave their cars there.

• 1:49 p.m. A squad of cig-stinky standrounders took up station in front of an H Street store, one of them trying to grab at the store's owner, a very dumb idea. Badged forces of buzzkill dispersed the grabby goofazoids.

• 2:30 p.m. A child was knocked from a scooter and bitten by a brown dog on Beverly Drive.

• 3:24 p.m. An infernal dumbus vehicle cluelessly squatted in a space at the electric vehicle charging station behind the downtown fire station.

• 4:09 p.m. Someone has been going through a 12th Street resident's mail and throwing it in the street for months now.

• 5:29 p.m. A woman said a restraining-ordered nemesis violated the restrictions by looking at her and laughing. There was no direct contact, but she felt the woman had "mocked her."

• 6:32 p.m. Apparently it's now the Arcata Marsh and Loose Brown Pit Bull Sanctuary.

• 8:27 p.m. A raccoon was caught in a trap on Palomino Lane, where it was left to languish all day without food or water.

• 8:28 p.m. Where loungeabouts make their gyrations Behind the bars, gross violations Some smelly, some lewd Now came to include A loud bongo's pert palpitations

Arctic | Climate change affecting wildlife

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well taken care of," he said.

His journey began with a trip to Washington, D.C. for workshops covering photography and outreach planning, plus meetings with naturalists and previous years' fellows.

Then it was on to Svalbard, Norway, and out to sea on the Explorer, whose reinforced hull allows it to access even partly frozen-over areas.

Initial encounters with wildlife started with polar bears, who, attracted by the scent of food wafting from the deck, walked across the pack ice right up to within 20 to 30 feet of the ship. After sniffing the air and peering at the passengers for 10 or 15 minutes, Gaiera said, they "sauntered off across the pack ice."

That ice was so thick that the planned visit to Greenland was canceled, allowing the vessel plenty of time to rove the waters of Iceland.

Out among the islands of the Svalbard Archipelago, the tourists and teachers were able to



THIS BEARS INVESTIGATION Polar bears checked out passengers of the National Geographic Explorer while they returned the favor.

PHOTOS BY GREG GAIERA | UNION STREET CHARTER SCHOOL

visit numerous nature-intensive spots as well as local fishing villages. There they met natives and came to know their livelihoods. One visit was to an eider duck farm, where down is harvested.

Gaiera is no stranger to islands, having served four years as an environmental educator on Catalina Island.

The cliffs of Svalbard teem with tens of thousands of birds – Arctic terns, puffins, gulls, razorbills and many others.

Traveling by Zodiac inflatable boat to one tern colony, Gaiera and colleagues had to protect

themselves with sticks to ward off dive-bombing birds protecting their nests from interlopers.

"We had to hold the sticks over our heads, because they won't fly any lower than the stick," Gaiera said. "That was really cool."

Despite their apparent abundance, the bird colonies' numbers are diminishing. Climate change is warming the sea and disrupting food supplies, while ice formation is also undergoing change.

While impressed with "the tenacity of life" in extreme conditions, Gaiera observed that climate-related changes to the environment are occurring at a rapid rate. "The naturalists said they had seen quite a bit of change," he said.

Along with analysis of the days' observations, global warming was integrated into a group discussion each evening. Passengers would gather in the Explorer's lounge to interact with the eight naturalists on board. "They were very good public speakers," Gaiera said.

He also networked, just as intended, with other teachers. The educators concluded the voyage with a wealth of vivid memories and observations to share with



TURNING EVADE Members of the expedition fend off angry Arctic terns.

students.

After his Arctic experience, Gaiera plans to expose his students to more firsthand observations.

"I try to take my kids out of the classroom and into the natural world," Gaiera said. "Being outside is a great way to learn."

Learn more about Greg Gaiera's Arctic learning journey at greggaiera.wordpress.com.

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OPINION

Un-Inspired changes

I don't know Elizabeth Alves, who wrote an opinion article featured in the July 22, 2015 *Mad River Union*, but she doesn't live in the Lazy J Mobile Home Park. I've lived in the park 20 years. The park has gone downhill since Inspire Communities bought us in November of 2013.

Our yards were kept up beautifully under Carl Johnson ownership. Now only the entrance to the park looks nice, where the yards are well cared for and the grass is green. A little farther into the park, sometimes the grass gets cut and sometimes not, weeds are rampant and most of the yards are brown.

Inspire Communities claim \$250,000, has been spent for improvements to the park. I'd like to see a accounting for this \$250,000.

New street signs were installed, but the lettering is so small that most seniors can't read them. The expensive stop signs were purchased, but not installed on corners. There is no posting at the park entrance of a 15 mile an hour speed limit.

Yes, something has been done to the streets. Again the street looks wonderful at the entrance, but further into the park the work is shoddy and shameful. Why would Inspire Communities approve and pay for this quality of work?

There has been nothing new provided that improves the lives of the Lazy J. res-

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idents. There are 220 sites in this park. Many low-income seniors depend on the parks laundry facility, where at the most two washers and two dryers are in service.

Inspire Communities wants to build a club house in the Lazy J park. A club house is of no importance to the residents who don't know how they can continue to pay rent, at the currant rate of increases. A better use of the proposed club house money would be to subsidize the lowest income residents, who are at risk of being phased out with no place to go.

Come visit the park and see for yourself.

Nancy Mohney
Arcata

A captive community

Although Elizabeth Alves got some things right in her recent column about mobile home park rent stabilization, she got many more important things wrong:

1. The 'improvements' at Lazy J were purely cosmetic and designed to enhance the resale value of the park for the corporation that owns it – residents do not want them. The one improvement residents do need – immediate repairs in the laundry room, have not been made. The corporation says that will not come for another 18 months, when they spend a couple of

more hundred thousands on a clubhouse that residents have said they don't want or need. And of course, the rent will have to be raised yet again to pay for that capital expenditure.

2. Inspire Communities has painted a wall, added a thin and already cracking coat of asphalt slurry to the streets, and installed street signs that are difficult to read from a passing car. They have not made any other improvements, but for this, say they must raise the rents to cover over \$100,000 of expense. So when these improvements have paid for themselves with the higher rents, will Inspire drop the rents accordingly? NO. This is a very common tactic used by these corporations to justify their need to gouge the poorest and most vulnerable citizens in our county.

3. Mortgage lenders will not finance the purchase of a mobile home that was built before 1981. Most in Lazy J are older than that, so selling is not the option that Alves depicts.

4. Mobile homes are not part of the "free market" of the rental industry that Alves refers to for the following reasons:

- Park residents do not rent their homes, they own them.
- If something needs maintenance in a mobile home, the park owners are not responsible for it (unlike landlords in the rental industry, who are)
- Park residents must pay local, county and state taxes and bonds, just as any other homeowner must do, but in addition to that, they must also pay for the park owner's taxes and bonds on top of the space rent!

d. If the park owner raises the rent on the tiny piece of dirt that the home sits on, the park resident cannot just move to a less expensive rental – they are financially responsible for their homes and can't move them for the reasons Alves cited.

5. *No one is asking anyone for free market rental industry rent control.*

6. Most mobile home parks in Humboldt County prohibit sub-letting by home owners.

7. There is an obvious solution to outside corporations preying on the elderly of Humboldt County and destroying our affordable housing inventory:

Pass a mobile home rent stabilization ordinance as 98 other communities in the state of California have done. Protect our seniors from corporate greed!

8. A mobile home rent stabilization ordinance will NOT impact the free market rental industry in any way.

I am happy for Alves having an affordable dwelling and confident that if her rent is raised unaffordably, she will find a more affordable place and move there. We mobile home park owners cannot do that – we are captives and that is why we need special protection under the law.

Hilary Mosher
McKinleyville

A \$500 ripoff reveals a conspiracy, sets off lifelong surveillance

It has now been more than 15 years since I first found myself on the receiving end of one specific abuse of the Patriot Act type powers, where Federal agents can invade the phones and computers of U.S. citizens.

My experience with abuse of government and corporate trust first occurred in the late Clinton/Gore Administration. It was a situation that I stumbled into in the form of a major corporate rip-off that enjoyed government protection in their antics against private citizens.

The particular offending corporation I am referencing is Travelers Express, a money order division of the VIAD Corporation. I came to learn of other such rip-off companies. But the VIAD Corporation was clearly among them. They were regularly making large contributions to both the Democratic and Republican political parties. These contributions continue to play a clear part in how such corrupt corporations are able to scam the people without accountability from government officials or agencies at all levels.

The VIAD (Travelers Express) Corporation put together a rather elaborate scheme in which they are able to steal up to \$500 from unsuspecting purchasers of one of their money orders, plus added fees for a phony stop-pay order. It is quite an elaborate scheme. I will attempt to detail how they were able to perpetrate their fraud so successfully.

I personally found myself hustled when I purchased one of their top value money orders in the amount of \$500. I purchased the \$500 money order at a special window in a supermarket in Fairfield, Calif. I was caused to believe the money order had been placed in an envelope, which was then put in my grocery bag with other items by the clerk. Shortly after leaving that window, however, I discovered no such envelope or money order, so I promptly returned to the window where I had purchased it. The clerk would be quick to sell me a Stop Pay Order, explaining that if anyone found my money order, it could not be paid, and that the full amount would be reimbursed to me at a later date.

That was my introduction to their well rehearsed "routine." In phone contacts with their home office, I would be told that particular Stop Pay Order supposedly could not be implemented, for reasons that could not be made clear to me. The company next

reported that someone had managed to cash the money order and Travelers Express only provided a poor quality photo-copy of a money order with no recognizable numbers, or transfer codes, and no record of where the money order was paid or to whom.

At this point, Travelers Express could simply pocket the money and act like this was everyday business, the normal routine, and nothing could be done. The local police saw

no irregularities. The poor quality photo-copy provided them no leads. Nobody seemed to understand anything about electronic transfer codes or how easily traceable a money order should have been. I should simply accept that I was out \$525.

I tried to elicit elected officials and government agencies to look into this scam wherever I could, but to no avail. I sent extensive mailings to elected officials at every city, county, state and federal level that I could, only to confirm this con-game was permitted without interference from government agencies and officials at all levels.

The political contributions were such that all would turn their heads and look the other way. During these efforts I stumbled into another pertinent fact; Travelers Express did business in cities and countries throughout much of the world; to other world governments that were not made up of members of a couple of bought off political parties.

I began acquiring email addresses of members of parliament and government officials in cities in countries all over the globe, and began a mass mailing on the internet. I informed these elected officials about how Travelers Express might also be doing business in their countries, and about how Travelers Express apparently was getting away with their scam in the United States. These officials had been paid off to look the other way. Many, in response to my email message, began calling for investigations.

Some of these overseas officials sent requests to the FBI, to consumer affairs agencies and even to the office of the U.S. Secretary of State. Many of these other nation officials provided me with let-

ters of appreciation and copies of their efforts to get these charges investigated.

It is not an exaggeration to report that I have never been alone on any computer connected to the Internet since. I am not any kind of terrorist and have committed no internet crime, but federal agents have been able to take control of my computer and phone 24/7, from that time through the present.

At least one of the federal

suffer a horrible death at his hands. (This on a national public blog). I was able to highlight and copy that particular post and promptly included it in an email to then-Vice President Al Gore, who I learned would then go visit the FBI. That would end the direct threats and, as I recall, Mark banned him from that chat room, though I believe he returned with a different identity.

Since then, when using any computer, anywhere, I found the federal hackers to be there.

I understand they have their high-tech methods of finding and following most any person's location. One or more of these hackers is a religious fanatic and another is obsessed with pornography. Most all of them make it quite obvious that they are monitoring, and largely controlling my computer and email. I believe they were assigned to ensure that I might never again make contact with any elected government officials in any other country at any time, by blocking my mail.

The federal hackers assigned to me largely found their task to be a boring job. They still join me daily in the Thom Hartmann chat room. Some reveal good common sense and some

let it be known that they are not in harmony with those retaining their services, but many topics are still taboo to them. Whether they like their duties or not, it appears they are well paid, and clearly they don't want a corrupt FBI all over them as well should they stand up to them. A couple of them, the Fed Hackers just remain angry and abusive by nature, and appear to enjoy finding ways to invade and disrupt at any opportunity.

I am of an earlier generation and have never been all that skillful in my computer literacy. Now, attempting to reconstruct much of their daily activities on my computers all these many years would soon prove to be insurmountable.

Still, they have not found me to be one who gets easily discouraged or intimidated. I had learned that all government police agencies that might be contacted were also counted on to look away and play their part in this wide scale con-game. This particular, rather massive fraud is being perpetrated against private citizens, most

of whom find themselves hopelessly ill equipped to deal with the sting they would find themselves caught up in.

Most often I am only able to share this particular story in bits and pieces. Some find it hard to believe, asking why would federal agencies tie up so many agents for so long, just to hassle one harmless senior citizen on the North Coast of California, which I would normally consider to be a fair question to ask.

The whistleblowing efforts by Ed Snowden has proved somewhat consistent with my predicament, but many choose not to believe his reports regarding how the Patriot Act allows our government to misuse and abuse their technological powers. A most serious matter.

Others report similar experiences and at least one friend has asked me to sit down at an old manual, and to attempt to reconstruct this story. So here I sit at a 70-year-old Olympia portable typewriter without wi-fi or modems. Hopefully we will some day convert it to some sort of word processor.

I conclude this chapter of my life by sharing an observation: Many of our elected and appointed government officials are not in the business of fighting crime, but are rather in the business of committing crimes; invading all of our electronic devices for all the wrong reasons. They can clearly become accomplices to frauds directed against the people.

For those still with me, might I suggest that they take a second look at electronic voting with modems, which allows easy access to many of these same folks which I have come to observe rather directly. I find myself often posing the question of how, in a democracy, a fraction of one percent manages, regularly, to acquire some 51 percent of elected offices.

It remains my hope that some surviving members of a once free press will find time to explore a real part of what is happening in and to our country.

Dave Goggin is an Arcata resident and member of Veterans for Peace.

Note: we contacted the company formerly known as Travelers Express, now called MoneyGram, but didn't hear back before press time. The company admitted complicity in money laundering and fraud in 2012, and is under a five-year corporate monitoring program involving regular reports to the U.S. Department of Justice. –Ed.





Local children received free helmets, helmet inspections and more at our Rio Dell Bike Rodeo.

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- Over 4,300 procedures at our outpatient surgery centers
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- 779 days in medical respite for homeless patients needing extra time to heal
- \$202,368 grant dollars reinvested in our county to care for the poor
- \$11.5 million in charity care provided
- 819 low income children and their family members enrolled in health insurance by our Healthy Kids Humboldt program
- Over 9,500 hours spent training student nurses
- 101 classes offered, at no cost, to improve the health of Latino families
- 447 cancer patients and their family members stayed 3,449 nights at the Evergreen Lodge, our home away from home facility for patients undergoing cancer treatment
- 367 diagnoses of cancer treated close to home
- 5,000 received information, referrals and free health screenings at our annual health fair
- 105 free flu shots given at our community resource centers
- Over 31,000 after school snacks given to local children
- Over 2,300 transportation assistance provided to/from medical appointments (includes taxi, bus tickets, gas cards)
- We work with 10 non-profits to improve food security... because no one should be hungry

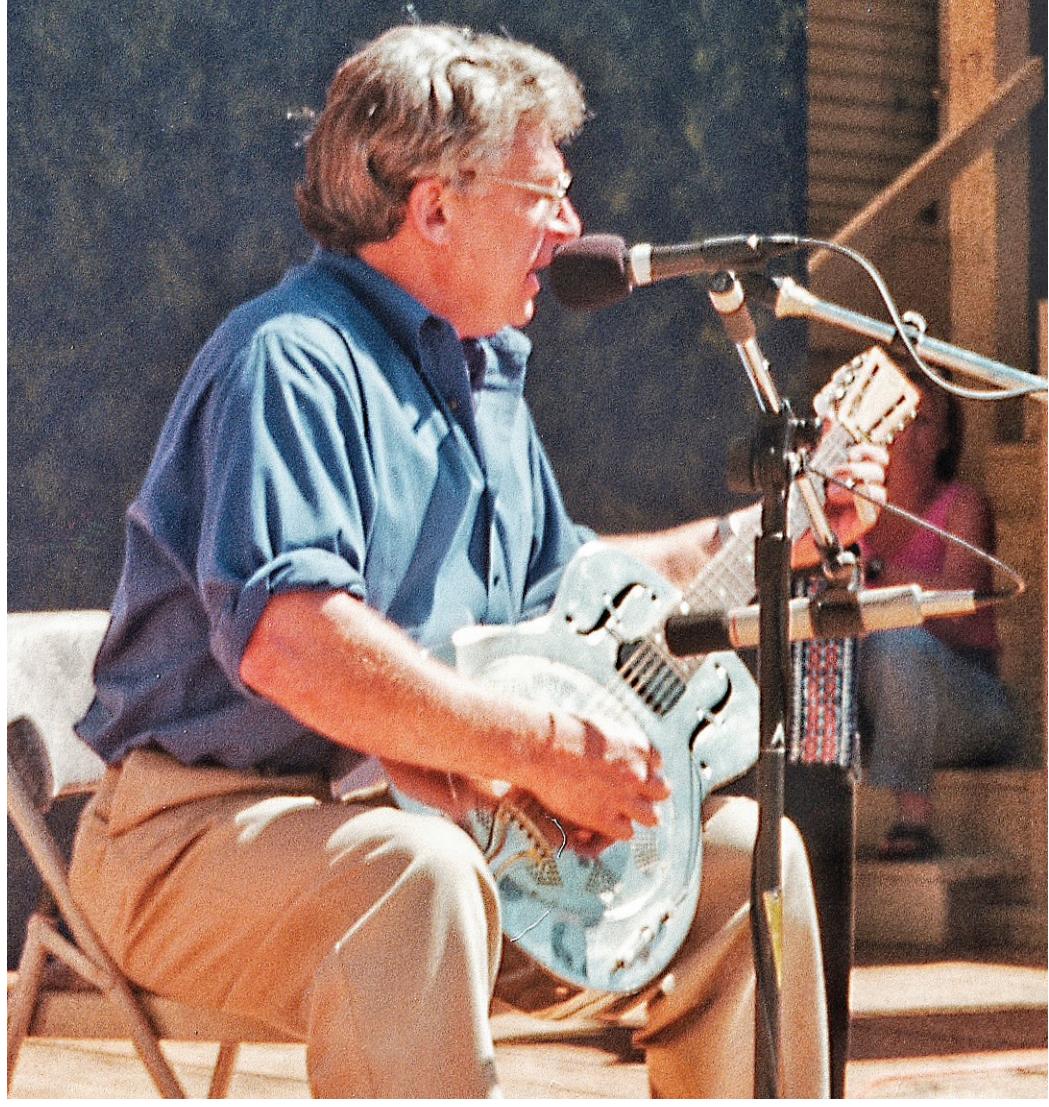
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JULY 29, 2015

Buddy Brown's living legacy of blues in Blue Lake



BLUES MAN Buddy Brown, above, once told photographer Bob Doran, "you could kill a man with that guitar."

PHOTO BY BOB DORAN

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

BLUE LAKE — The Buddy Brown Blues Festival is the best festival of the summer. What's not to love: great blues musicians, shade trees and Blue Lake's ubiquitous sunshine, good food, local beer and wine, grass so smooth and level that it's a pleasure to dance barefoot, and friends who meet every year.

You can have your Reggae on the River, says the writer who went to the very first one, now with its heat, crowds and reports of violence against women. You can have all your far-away great gatherings. Sure they have an amazing assortment of mu-

sical talent. Friends come back from Kate Wolf inspired and happy.

But small and close to home is the best. And the festival is in honor of a man who lived music, until his death in 2001.

Buddy Brown was born Richard Dug-

BUDDY BROWN BLUES FESTIVAL

- ❖ **Where:** Perigot Park, Blue Lake
- ❖ **When:** Saturday, Aug. 1 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Admission:** \$10/\$8 advance/free for kids 12 and under
- ❖ **Tickets:** The Works, People's Records, Wildberries Marketplace humboldtfolklife.org

gins in 1945. He hosted the blues nights at the Jambalaya with his band, Buddy Brown and the Hound Dogs, bringing together musicians from all over Humboldt County.

"Buddy Brown was a very influential blues musician for many of us, and it is fitting that we keep his memory alive with this festival right in his own hometown," said Patrick Cleary, co-organizer for the Humboldt Folk-life Society, which puts on the festival. "It is a great reminder that we have so many talented blues musicians living right here."

Brown grew up in New Jersey, according to an obituary written by Bob Doran in the *North Coast Journal*. He settled in Humboldt County in the 1980s, eventually buying a home in Blue Lake. "In 1986," Doran wrote, "Buddy put together a rhythm and blues band with harmonica/sax player Doug Crumpacker. Bassist Dale Cash joined soon after."

He was to make three albums with that group, the last called *New Tricks*.

Charles Horn, host of *The South Side*, the Friday night blues show on KHUM, engineered on that album. "Buddy was a magnanimous host at the Jambalaya," he remembered. "And he was a really good cook and wine aficionado. His horn player, Doug Crumpacker, could tell some spine-tingling stories about those times."

Brown played at the first Blue Lake Blues Festival in 2001, just a few months before he died. The festival was renamed in his memory.

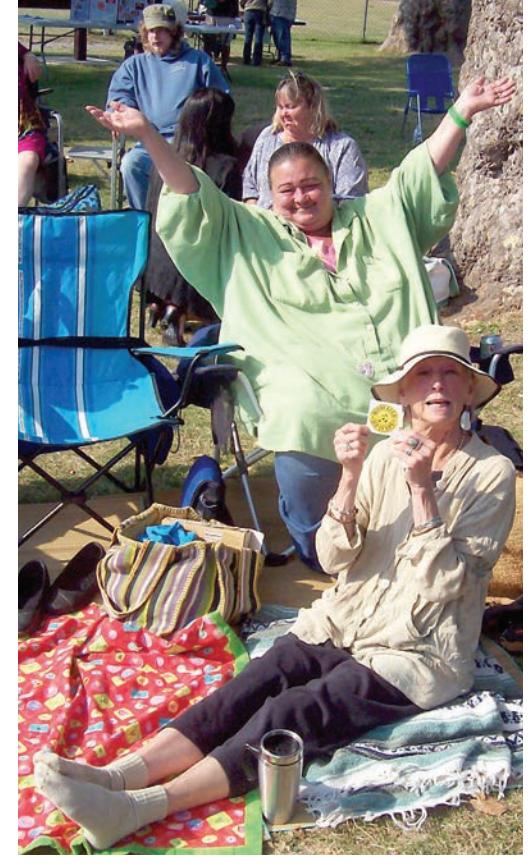
Brown brought people in. Festivalgoer Debbie Dew, of Westhaven, received a personal invitation from Brown himself. "I went to the Jambalaya the very first night I came to Humboldt County," Dew said. "Buddy Brown and the Hound Dogs were playing. Buddy gave me a T-shirt and said 'this is the place to come and hear music'. I've been going to the Buddy Brown festival every year since the beginning."

Headlining this year's festival is the Jim Lahman Band. The rest of the lineup features local blues favorites Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups, The Uptown Kings, with bass player and Hound Dogs alumnus Dale Cash, Black Sage Runners, The Secret Club, and The Overstimulators.

The festival benefits the Humboldt Folk-life Society's Folk School program.



GOOD TIMES Dancers, above, swing out to the blues at a previous Buddy Brown Blues Festival. Below, Debbie Dew, in green, and the late Pamela Lyall enjoying the smooth grass. PHOTOS BY JV | UNION



Tickled pink at the theatre

FERNDALE REPERTORY THEATRE

FERNDALE — A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the much-loved movie, *Legally Blonde the Musical* follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotyping, snobbery and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. This action-packed musical explodes on the stage with memorable songs and dynamic dancing. In equal parts hilarious and heart-warming, this musical is so much fun it should be illegal!

PARIS-IAN Jessie Rawson as Elle.

PHOTO BY DAN TUBBS

Drawn from the novel by Amanda Brown as well as the popular MGM film, the catchy, high-energy score features music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin, and book by Heather Hach.

Directed by Molly Severdia and choreographed by Anthony Hughes, Ferndale Repertory's (FRT) production of *Legally Blonde the Musical* takes place in an incredible set by FRT resident scenic designer Ray Gutierrez.

"We may be a little theater, but Ray has found a way to do big, beautiful productions in it," commented Artistic Producer

LEGALLY BLONDE ♦ B2



MISTRESS OF THE MARIMBA

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Ron Samuels • Arcata, California

DAZZLING DAIMO International soloist Eriko Daimo will display her dazzling virtuosity during a concert at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The Japanese musician with captivating charisma and numerous prizes has given solo concert performances around the world. She is a force among today's generation of players of marimbas — large percussion instruments similar to xylophones but with keyboards crafted out of Honduras rosewood. She is playing an instrument crafted by Marimba One, based in Arcata. It has been the choice for years of Daimo, who says: "The instrument itself seems to create a variety of gorgeous, deep, warm, glittering and profound sounds... I can feel my emotion flowing through the instrument." Daimo plays solo with special guest Pius Cheung. Tickets are \$15/\$12, available at Wildberries Marketplace or at the door. PHOTO COURTESY MARIMBA ONE

TOURNAMENT TIME!

Four teams battle for first prize!
Thursday, July 30 — Sunday, Aug. 2
@ the Arcata ballpark

**Humboldt Crabs • Solano Mudcats
Pacific Capitalist • Auburn Wildcats**

Game 1 @ 2:00pm
Game 2 @ 7:00pm (Crabs play)

Tickets at Wildberries, Mr. Fish, Sport & Cycle, Rays Foods, Arcata & Eureka Chambers. Regular Season passes and 10-strip tickets will be honored at the gate. Tickets/passes are good for day's worth of games. Get a hand stamp at the front to come and go. Teams will be reseeded after Saturday, potentially 3 games (10am, 2pm, 6pm) will be played on Sunday to determine the winner/champion.

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SURVIVOR: SISKIYOU COUNTY Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, hosts a special fundraiser for the search and rescue team who located Blue Lake resident and friend of the Tap Room, Cary Bellak, who was lost in the woods for a few days and luckily rescued. Today, July 29, \$1 from every pint sold all day goes towards helping cover the costs of the search and rescue team and private pilot. RLA Trio will play from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

SCI FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT Ogle *Freaks* (1932) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways today, July 29 at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Circus performer dwarf Hans (Harry Earles) falls in love with long-legged trapeze artist Cleopatra (Olga Baclanova). Discovering that Hans is heir to a fortune, Cleopatra inveigles him into a marriage, all the while planning to bump off her new husband and run away with brutish strongman Hercules (Henry Victor). What she doesn't reckon with is the code of honor among circus freaks: "offend one, offend them all." Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

REGGAE ON THE RIVER It's the 31st anniversary of the longest running reggae festival in the U.S from Thursday, July 30 to Sunday, Aug. 2 at French's Camp in Garberville. reggaeontheriver.com

McK FARMERS' MARKET Get your fresh local vegetables, fruit and flowers straight from the farmer, plus enjoy barbecued meats and live music Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the McKinleyville Safeway Shopping Plaza on Central Avenue.

BILL NOTEMAN & THE ROCKETS Eureka Main Street's Summer Concert Series this Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m. at the C Street Market Square, Eureka features rock and blues with Bill Noteman & The Rockets. (707) 442-9054

AT THE GOAT Portland dream-pop trio Appendixes plays with Float Foreward and Venus Milk on Thursday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room, 401 I St., Arcata. There is a \$5 cover.

HIROSHIMA HISTORIAN All are welcome to attend "My God, What Have We Done?: The Nuclear Age & the Rise of Peace Consciousness," a presentation by Professor Roy Tamashiro of Webster University on Friday, July 31. The event begins with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a talk at 7 p.m., both free of charge. Tamashiro will relate how he was moved by the profound messages of Hiroshima witnesses in oral history interviews. He will describe the rise of peace consciousness visible in pilgrimages, including the recently launched Veterans for Peace-Golden Rule Project in Humboldt Bay, reawakening the call to abolish nuclear weapons. This talk is at Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 22 Fellowship Way, Bayside. (707) 839-0313

SEATTLE SINGER-SONGWRITER Aaron English plays the Fieldbrook Family Market, 4636 Fieldbrook Rd., on Friday, July 31, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID The North Coast Repertory Theatre, 300 Fifth St., Eureka, presents the comedy *Always A Bridesmaid* through Aug. 15. The play runs every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. There is one remaining Thursday evening performance on Aug. 13. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. on Aug. 2 and 9. (707) 442-NCRT (6278), ncrt.net

MARY POPPINS Humboldt Light Opera Company presents a singing, dancing adventure with the original Supermanny, her chimney sweeping pal and a spoonful of sugar, opening Friday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at HSU's Van

Duzer Theatre. The musical continues through Aug. 16, on Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. (707) 630-5013

ARCATA MARKET Mad River Rose plays at the Arcata Farmers' Market on the Arcata Plaza this Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BIG LATCH ON Celebrate World Breastfeeding Week with an attempt to break the record for the most women simultaneously breastfeeding, all on the Arcata Plaza, Saturday, Aug. 1 from 10 to 11 a.m. There will also be information about breastfeeding and a raffle.

HUMBUGS Volkswagen owners and spectators are invited to the Humbugs VW car club 11th annual Cooling it in the Redwoods Car Show and Barbecue on Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pierson Park in McKinleyville. Attendance is free for spectators. Enter your 20 year or older VW for \$20, and this includes the barbecue. Join the club for \$24, and this includes the barbecue along with discounts on various products. For more information visit the Humbugs VW's Facebook page.

AT BLMC Don's Neighbors kick out the songs at Black Lightning Motocycle Cafe, 440 F St., Eureka, on Saturday, Aug. 1 starting at 6 p.m.

DJ D AT MGMA DJ D sets the scene for the opening of "Empire Squared Strikes Back" at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. DJ D spins an eclectic mix of rare and obscure music from an incredible collection of vinyl that transports audiences to another dimension. See DJ D Saturday Aug. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. for Arts Alive! This performance is sponsored by Redwood Capital Bank.

GIFT OF PEACE All are welcome to attend "Tribute to Hiroshima & Nagasaki: Emanating the Gift of Peace," a presentation by Professor Roy Tamashiro of Webster University at Sunday Worship Service on Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. Tamashiro will deliver a tribute to Hiroshima and Nagasaki and its citizens for evolving from places of profound suffering to sacred spaces emanating peace and compassion. This service is at Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 22 Fellowship Way, Bayside. (707) 839-0313

TRINIDAD ARTISANS MARKET The Soulful Sidekicks play the Trinidad Artisans Market Sunday, Aug. 2 at noon. Visit the market at Main Street and View Ave. in downtown Trinidad every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Sept. 13.

ART TALK Join printmaker and book artist Barbara Milman for Art Talk at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, Sunday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. "Sea Change," Milman's exhibition of original printmaking works and artist's books, invites the viewer to enter into conversation with the artist centered on the topic of climate change. Milman's "Sea Change" exhibition runs Aug. 1 to 30 in the Anderson Gallery. Art Talk is included with museum admission: \$5/\$2 for students and seniors/free to museum members and children.

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Greek gods and goddesses incarnate as Siamese kittens



KITTY CUDDLER CAF's newest employee, Tovara, with four new feathered friends: the grandiosely named Apollo, Aries, Atlas and Artemis.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Greek gods and goddesses are smiling down upon us! Meet Apollo, Aries, Atlas and Artemis, four striking Siamese kittens that arrived at Companion Animal Foundation to dazzle us with their sweet, playful personalities. These kittens arrived very shyly, but after tremendous love and affection in our adoption room, have come to be wonderful kitten companions. Just ask our newest employee, Tovara, who has volunteered at CAF for the past year. Tovara says she came to CAF because of her lifelong love for animals and knowing that "these animals are extremely well cared for."

Please feel free to come and meet these special animals, as well as many other charming kittens and puppies, at our Sunny Brae facility at 88 Sunny Brae Center. The adoption room is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. As customary, all animals at CAF are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on routine vaccinations prior to adoption. To start the adoption process, fill out an

adoption form, available online or at the Sunny Brae thrift store.

Want to support CAF in other ways? How about attending our upcoming fundraising event? Contribute to our numerous animal-oriented programs while you enjoy a cool, refreshing pint at Mad River Brewery's Pints for Nonprofits on Wednesday, Aug. 5. CAF staff and volunteers will be present at 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake from 6 to 8 p.m., when you can also meet a few of our adoptable companions, enjoy live music, purchase engraved name tags for only \$4 and browse through a collection of beautifully unique art and jewelry items in our silent auction.

Next on our event itinerary are plans for an Enchanted Animal Walk, to be held this fall. We are currently in search of singers/musicians, costumes, crafts, puppetry for children and theatherics. If you'd like to contribute, please email cafvolunteers@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook or call (707) 826-PETS (7387).



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Watercolors of the Arcata Marsh and Humboldt Bay by Jody Bryan (painter of the group of Green-winged Teal, below) and Paul Rickard (whose "Hazy Morning at the Marsh" is at right) will be on display at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center during the month of August. "For us, the practice of art is an open-ended journey of exploration, to be shared and savored, unfolding daily with the droplets of paint, changing tides, and clearing skies," said the artists in a joint statement. "We paint almost every day: together, alone, in the studio, on the precipice, in the fog, wind, cold, with humor, frustration and determination. On any day, the vistas at Arcata Marsh are both mundane and magnificent. We have attempted to capture its beauty and mystery." Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors free monthly art/photography shows at the Interpretive Center, located at 569 South G St. in Arcata. The center is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday between 1 and 5 p.m. View more works by both artists at jodybryanart.com and paulrickard.net. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.



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DERBY NIGHT The Humboldt Crabs enjoyed the company of Humboldt Roller Derby, and vice versa, last week during Derby Night.

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Offense in stride for final stretch

Erik Fraser

HUMBOLDT CRABS

ARCATA — Stop me if you've heard this one before: Allen Smoot doubles in a run to give the Crabs an early lead and extend his hitting streak.

That was the play-by-play in the first inning on both Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26, as the Crabs took two of three from the Healdsburg Prune Packers on the last weekend of the 2015 regular season.

"The guy's unreal," said manager Tyson Fisher. "He's having just an incredible summer. He's a very even-keeled guy; he's a great teammate, he works his butt off just like all the great ones do, and he's just been outstanding for us all summer, getting timely hits and big hits."

The Crabs first baseman now has



PRUNE PACKER Matt LoCoCo, center-fielder from the Healdsburg Prune Packers, narrowly misses a hit by Allen Smoot.

a 26-game hitting streak, 24 doubles, and a sparkling .437 average. Even in the Crabs' only loss of the week, Friday's opener against Healdsburg, Smoot went 3-for-4 and scored the

team's only run.

That loss came at the hands of Healdsburg starter Torgen Soderland, who confounded the Crabs over six shutout innings. Only Smoot's unearned run in the ninth prevented the team from being shut out for the first time all summer.

But you can't keep an offense like that down for long. Helped out by a very porous Prune Packers defense, the Crabs counter-punched with a 16-3 victory on Saturday night, then took the series with a tidy, hard-earned 5-1 win on Sunday.

"Our guys did what they needed to do," Fisher said. "Obviously Friday Healdsburg came and beat us, they beat us pretty handily, and our guys bounced back Saturday and

CRABS C2

Memories, beer, Hall of Fame and love: the Crabs have it all

They were there to be inducted into the Crabs Hall of Fame. Former Crabs players were honored on July 18 with a ceremony on the field and a barbecue before the game.

Family and friends gathered early to celebrate these players: Fred Papini, Doug Clayton Cather, Lute Barnes, Billy Olson, Paul Ziegler, Shane Turner, Scott Eskra, Joe Gerber, Adam Karr and Nick Giaccone, as well as the entire 2003 Crabs team.

Former Crabs players get a lifetime pass for Crabs games, but many live far away. So it was an event of reunions for many.

That 2003 team had 43 wins and only five losses. Five players went on to play professional ball: Bobby Andrews, Brandon Marcelli, Brett Pill, Brandon Redding and Adam Carr.

Carr was enjoying being back in Arcata. After eight seasons with the Washington Nationals, he now lives in San Jose.

Carr played first base and pitched for the Crabs from 2002 to 2005. He graduated from Oklahoma State and was drafted by the Nationals.

In his first year with Washington, he hit and pitched. Then, "they turned me into a pitcher," he said, "but hitting was my pas-

sion."

Watch Carr's batting practice on the Crabs' Facebook page to see what he's talking about.

Carr loved playing for the Crabs. "Coming up here, I really felt at home. The Crabs do such a fantastic job of taking care of their players. They dig deep," he said.

Eskra listened while Carr talked, interjecting comments here and there. Eskra played third base for the Crabs in 1995, leading the crabs in runs (50), hits (53), homerooms (9) and RBI (39).

"Our team was a lot of local kids, seven or eight locals," he said.

Eskra played for College of the Redwoods, Lassen Community College and Ole Miss.

He works as a general contractor in Eureka and has a 9-year-old daughter, Ari, who plays softball.

"I'd love for her to play for the Crabs," he said. "Being the first girl to play for the Crabs would be cool."

Giaccone, who played first base and outfield for the Crabs for four years, was at the park with family. His son, Kyle, and daughter, Kaitlin, play "everything from soccer to baseball and basketball."

Kaitlin sorted baseball cards while her dad talked. Giaccone was born and raised in Eureka and now works for UPS.

"I grew up with a core group of guys who



THREE GENERATIONS Nick "The Stick" Giaccone, his son, Kyle, and his father, Mike.

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all played together since we were eight," he said. "We'd play whiffle ball in the backyard until it was dark and you couldn't see anymore."

Giaccone is one of four boys in the family. His brother coaches at Eureka High School and Nick is the pitching coach.

"I wish that there was more local talent to fill the (Crabs') roster," he said.

Giaccone met his wife, Nancy, at the ballpark. "She came down from Crescent City," he said, "and we met up after the game."

Memories, beer, Hall of Fame and love. The Crabs have it all.

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More homeless counted in Humboldt this year than in 2013

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HUMBOLDT — The 2015 homeless Point in Time (PIT) count report has been finalized, showing a total of 1,319 homeless, including 32 children — 265 more homeless people than were counted during the 2013 PIT.

More than 30 agencies and 100 trained volunteers assisted in this year's PIT count, which showed Eureka having the county's largest homeless population, followed by

Arcata and Southern Humboldt.

The biennial PIT count, conducted by the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHHC), documents the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons. The count takes place in communities across the U.S. on a single night in January. For Humboldt County, this year it was Jan. 27.

Starting the morning after and throughout the week, volun-

teers connected with homeless people throughout the county to administer voluntary surveys with questions about age, physical and mental health status and where they had slept on the designated night.

The count is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement. Information gathered during this count is used by local planning departments and by county non-

profit agencies in applications for grant funding and planning.

The count is not scientific, but provides a picture of the homeless population at a specific point in time. "It provides a snapshot of our homeless on a specific night," said Karen "Fox" Olson, executive director at Arcata House Partnership and co-chair of the HHHC.

The 2015 PIT Count committee included the North Coast Veterans Resource Center, Arcata

House Partnership, DHHS, Redwood Community Action Agency, Redwood Teen Challenge, the Humboldt County Office of Education and two at-large community members. The count was funded in part by First 5 Humboldt County, the North Coast Grant Making Partnership, St. Joseph Health System and the CCRP.

For more information about the HHHC, visit humboldthousing.org/about-the-hhcc.



FILL 'ER UP As Sunny Brae Center filled up with new stores and the surrounding subdivision with new homes, right, the community's full service gas station, above, was already up and running. Below, the shop's new logo. PHOTO ABOVE COURTESY MICHELLE GREENWAY; MERLE SHUSTER PHOTO CROP AT RIGHT COURTESY HUMBOLDT STATE LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS; PHOTO BELOW BY KLH | UNION



Coffee Break | Fuel your day with breakfast and lunch

FROM A1

new furniture and a retro-themed renovation.

"It took me three years to save up the funds and work out the floor plan," Greenway said. But most important to her is maintaining high standards for the Coffee Break's fare — organic Kinetic Koffee, fresh-baked pastries and now, grab-and-go sandwiches and salads from the Co-op.

"Now you can pick up a pastry that we make, plus lunch," Greenway said. "I just want to provide a good product for the community, in a good atmosphere."

After work, you can still swing by for a beer. Now, you can savor a mimosa as well.

The new approach is embodied in the shop's new slogan, "Fueling Your Day," coined by Greenway. It builds on the host structure's historical roots, all the way back to the 1950s, when it was Sunny Brae Chevron.

Greenway knew it had first become a coffee shop in the 1990s, when the Java Garage was installed in the defunct filling station, later to be succeeded by the original Coffee Break in 2000.



But to reach further back in time, a group of experienced gentlemen who gather at the coffee house on Fridays helped Greenway contact a relative of the Sunny Brae Chevron's former owner.

She learned that Roy Macklin had been the proprietor, and even obtained photos of him and the station from the days when

Sunny Brae was still rising up out of what had been cow pastures.

In an undated shot, Macklin, in his pristine white attendant uniform, is standing near what is now the Coffee Break's drive-thru window. Behind him are some partially seen children who may have just had their bike tires filled, while a gas pump appears to display the price of a fill-up: \$5.45.

Another photo shows the station when it was new, amid the emerging shopping center.

Marian Barnes Hancock, who grew up in Sunny Brae,

remembers her mother getting gas for the family car there. "My mother would always say to the attendant, 'Fill it with ethyl,'" she recalls.

Former Arcata City Councilmember Paul Wilson recalls the station moving to Westwood Center in the early 1970s, and the Sunny Brae Chevron then morphed into a Shell station. With the service side shut down during the new era of self-pumped gas in the 1980s, Helen Atkins, a relative of Wilson's, served as cashier at the walk-up window.

The old Sunny Brae Chevron photos will be framed and become part of the remodeled shop's retro decor.

"What a good way to tie the old in with the new, and with the history of Sunny Brae," Greenway said.

That history is still being written, with the Coffee Break's grand re-opening set for this Sunday, Aug. 2 at 7 a.m. It had been scheduled for this past Sunday, but construction complications pushed things back a week.

The Coffee Break is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. (707) 825-66852

Crabs | Smooth-intensive action

FROM C1

and Sunday to get the W's and win the series, with their backs up against the wall. It says a lot about the team and what these guys are made of. I couldn't be happier."

On Saturday night, all they really had to do was take what the Prune Packers gave them. And what they gave them was 10 extra outs. Those 10 extra outs resulted in 10 unearned Crabs runs, which was more than enough with Justin Mullins on the hill. Mullins had one rough inning in the third when Healdsburg scored three runs to briefly tie the game, but otherwise cruised through six innings to earn his fourth win.

On Sunday, on a spec-

tacular Humboldt summer afternoon, Fisher gave the ball to Donald Robinson, and in what Fisher called "the biggest Sunday game that we've had all season," Robinson delivered his best performance of the season.

"Donald was outstanding, best start he's had all summer for us," Fisher said. "We needed a big start, and it was a big outing for him — six strong and he was really locating pitches I think the best that he's been all summer."

And the team behind him was stellar as well. The defense turned two slick double plays — one actually started by Robinson — and the offense cashed in on its chances.

Smoot doubled in a run in the first and drove in

the Crabs second run with a sacrifice fly in the third, and Brad Pluschkell drove home two runners from third with less than two outs, one one grounder and one on a sac fly.

All of which pleased Fisher to no end.

"For the guys to put on the show that they did," he said, "it might have been our best game that we played all summer."

And what a time to have it — as they head toward the season-ending Humboldt Invitational Tournament.

"Going into this final week, we'll have some momentum, have some confidence" Fisher said. "Our bats are back to where we need to be."

After one last midweek series, against the Bay Area Tides on Tuesday and Wednesday, the four-team tournament begins Thursday. It's a round-robin style format Thursday through Saturday, and then the teams will be seeded based on those games for elimination games starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday (the Crabs will play at 2 p.m. regardless of the seeding). The winners of Sunday's first two games play for the championship at 6 p.m.

See the schedule on page C1 for details.

REPUBLICAN PICNIC Humboldt County's Republican Party will hold its 21st annual picnic at the Moose Club, 2348 Campton Rd., Eureka, Sunday, Aug. 2 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. "All Republicans are invited," according to Annette DeModena, county chairwoman. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, along with coffee, tea, water and soft drinks. There is no charge, but picnicgoers are asked to make it a "potluck" event by bringing salad or vegetables (for last names beginning A-N) or dessert (O-Z). Guest speaker will be Humboldt County Sheriff Mike Downey. Reservations may be made by calling (707) 499-6310.

NONPROFIT MIXER The Northern California Association of Nonprofits and HSU's Extended Education invite you to the free event, Networking with a Purpose: A Mixer for Nonprofit Fundraisers and Those in Donor Development, on Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room, 401 Samoa Blvd. in Arcata. Take a moment to connect with your colleagues over drinks and snacks. Share your successes from the last year and what you are excited about working on this season. Meet others from the field and swap stories, share resources, and commiserate over lessons learned. No need to RSVP; contact (707) 442-2993 or norcan@hafoundation.org for more information.

STUFF THE BUS In cooperation with the McKinleyville branch of Coast Central Credit Union, Kmart and other local businesses, the Kiwanis Club of McKinleyville will collect school supplies for students and teachers at McKinleyville elementary schools, McKinleyville Middle School and McKinleyville High School. The Kiwanis' mini school bus will be accepting donations in the lobby of the McKinleyville Coast Central Credit Union, 1968 Central Ave. from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., from Tuesday, Aug. 11 until Thursday, Aug. 13. It will be in front of Kmart from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Aug. 15. Watch for the bus around McKinleyville during August at other partner businesses. Please stuff the bus with pencils, pens, notebooks, erasers, backpacks, binders, pencil boxes, rulers, glue sticks and other student/teachers supplies. Kiwanians will distribute the collected items to the schools throughout the 2015/2016 school year. Without your assistance, many of these supplies would have to be purchased by the teachers themselves out of their own pockets.

PRIDE PREP Join Humboldt Pride and the Mad River Brewing Company for another wonderful Pints for Non-profits Wednesday, Aug. 19. Roll into the tap room at 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake any time between 11:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. and \$1 from each pint of sudsy brew sold will benefit Humboldt Pride. And if hanging out with fine folks of all ages and enjoying some great music is your groove, come by from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and experience the solid sonic sounds of Goldylocks spinning old school vinyl records. humboldtpride.org

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Answers to last week's crossword

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MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

JUSTIN M. BERG

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S/JUSTIN MICHAEL BERG, OWNER

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A. ABRAM DEPUTY

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15-00408

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ARCATA LIQUOR

786 9TH ST.

ARCATA, CA 95521

JEFFREY W. NAGAN

786 9TH ST.

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15-00409

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

THE HUTCH

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15-00410

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MAD RIVER EXPRESS CARE

3798 JANES ROAD,

SUITE 14

ARCATA, CA 95521

P.O. BOX 4387

ARCATA, CA 95518

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15-00411

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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EXPRESS CARE

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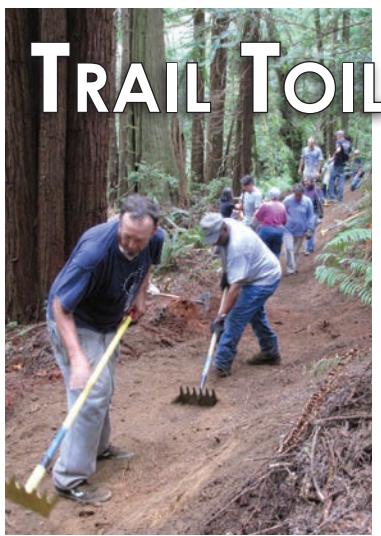
M. MORRIS DEPUTY

7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00412

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COMMITTED CREW Some 22 volunteers from the Volunteer Trail Stewards and RSVP programs constructed 250 linear feet of new trail, which involved setting four crib logs and staging an additional four logs along the trail for future projects. With this completed work, the Panorama Court access to the Sunny Brae tract of the Arcata Community Forest is nearing completion and will provide an additional half-mile of trail to the Sunny Brae Tract trail system. Right, volunteers rest after the morning's work. The next volunteer workday will be Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arcata Marsh to remove spartina and other non-native invasive plants from the marsh environs. PHOTOS BY MAUREEN MCGARRY | RSVP; KLH | UNION

BEEKEEPERS MEET The Humboldt County Beekeepers Association meeting presents "An evening discussion with renowned beekeeper Randy Oliver" Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt County Agriculture Department at 5630 South Broadway (Humboldt Hill Road exit off U.S. Highway 101) in Eureka. (707) 845-3362, humboldtbeekeepers.org

AUDUBON MARSH TRIP Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Aug. 1. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Jude Power in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

THE ALLURE OF ORCHIDS Intricate, beautiful and diverse, orchids have a special allure. Join botanist Tony LaBanca on a guided tour of the Lanphere Dunes on Saturday, Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to find native orchids along the forest and dune trails. Not all orchids are big and showy; bring a magnifying lens if you have one. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata, to carpool to the protected site. Space is limited, so reservations are recommended. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org.

FOAM MARSH WALK Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Elliott Dabill at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for

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Cabbage Trail on Sunday, Aug. 2. Carpools meet at 9 a.m. at the Valley West (Ray's Food Place) Shopping Center in Arcata. Meet at 10 a.m. at the trailhead, which is a clearly marked left turn one mile north of Orick. This is a moderate, 7.5 mile round-trip hike with less than 1,000 feet of elevation gain. Bring water and lunch, but no dogs. (707) 825-3652, nedforsyth48@gmail.com

KEEP OFF THE GRASS Volunteers are needed to help maintain the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center by removing annual grasses on Wednesday, Aug. 5 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Participants will be trained to recognize native and non-native plants, and can then come out during times that best fit their schedule. Bring gloves if you have them and come dressed for the weather. (707) 444-1397, info@friendsofthedunes.org

MADAKET BIRDING TRIP On Sunday, Aug. 23, join expert birders David Fix, Rob Hewitt and Gary Bloomfield on one of two fundraising tours on the Madaket. Proceeds of the one-hour narrated bird-watching cruises around Humboldt Bay will benefit the nonprofit Godwit Days organization. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at godwitdays.org or by calling (707) 826-7050. The trips leave at 4 p.m. and at 5:15 p.m. from the Madaket's departure dock at the foot of C Street in Old Town Eureka. The \$25 fee includes light snacks and one drink of your choice (wine, beer, or nonalcoholic); no-host bar available. Godwit Day's sixth annual Madaket tour offers you a chance to view many types of birds, while helping to fund next spring's birding festival (April 13 to 19, 2016 at the Arcata Community Center).

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